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PANAMA FOR GAO DE MARCO

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SUBJECT:GAO COUNTRY COGNIZANCE SURVEY OF MEXICO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE GAO OF ITS PLANS TO CONDUCT A COUNTRY COGNIZANCE SURVEY (SELF-INITIATED INFORMATION-GATHERING SURVEY) OF MEXICO. THE OBJECTIVES OF A "COUNTRY COGNIZANCE SURVEY" ARE TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR THE GAO TO KEEP ABREAST OF IMPORTANT U.S. ACTIVITIES IN AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH SELECTED COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, SO THE GAO MAY BE CURRENTLY AWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN U.S. POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENTS AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION USEFUL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. IN THIS SURVEY, EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON OBTAINING AN OVERVIEW OF SUCH MATTERS AS:

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--GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS INCLUDING TRADE RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES, TOURISM AND THE IMPACT OF U.S. DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DECISIONS ON THE MEXICAN ECONOMY.

--POLITICAL RELATIONS INCLUDING MEXICO'S ROLE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, JURISPRUDENCE ISSUES, AND THE INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES OF

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN MEXICO.

--BORDER PROBLEMS INCLUDING IMMIGRATION, NARCOTICS AND
ARMS SMUGGLING, FISHING RIGHTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

--U.S. SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDING MEXICAN MILITARY
RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. THE GAO TEAM CONSISTING OF MESSRS. ROBERT BRADY,
GEORGE SALVATIERRA AND KARL DIEBEL PLANS TO VISIT
MEXICO CITY FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING MAY 16, SUBJECT TO
THE CONCURRENCE OF THE EMBASSY. MR. GEORGE DE MARCO,
GAO REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN PANAMA WILL MAKE A SUPERVISORY
VISIT TO MEXICO CITY DURING THE LAST DAYS OF THE SURVEY.
DATES OF HIS VISIT WILL BE TELEGRAPHED WHEN KNOWN.
DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT ALL GAO PERSONNEL HAVE TOP
SECRET CLEARANCE.

3. THE GAO TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE CHARGE AND
MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM. TO THE EXTENT BELIEVED
APPROPRIATE BY THE MISSION, GAO WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND
MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS
WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF AND
TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY AND EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY,
IF FEASIBLE.

4. PLEASE RESERVE 3 SINGLES WITH BATH AT CONVENIENT HOTEL
WITHIN PER DIEM ALLOWANCES, IF POSSIBLE, BEGINNING
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MAY 15. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF RESERVATIONS AND NAME OF
HOTEL. TRAVEL PLANS WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

5. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO COOPERATE WITH THE
GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN
4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING THE
COURSE OF THE VISIT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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